

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as now presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 have been canceled. Claims 16-20 are active in the application.

Applicants acknowledge that Claims 16-20 have been allowed.

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatenable over Jurbergs, et al.

Claims 1-15 have been canceled. Thus, Applicants believe that the above rejection of Claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is moot.

Claims 1-5, and 9-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatenable over Yoshimura, et al.

Claims 1-5, and 9-12 have been canceled. Thus, Applicants believe that the above rejection of Claims 1-5, and 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is moot.

The attached new abstract of the disclosure replaces the original abstract of the disclosure. The new abstract of the disclosure has been amended so as to reflect the changes made to the independent claims.

Applicants have made other grammatical and clarifying amendments to the specification.

The above changes to the specification, claims, and abstract are self-evident from the original disclosure; thus, no new matter has been introduced, and no new issues have been raised.

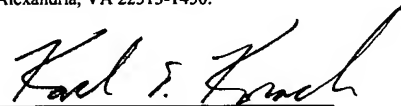
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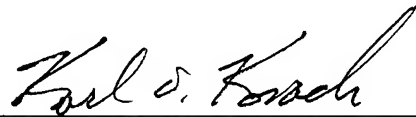
Amendment A, continued

In view of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are definite and in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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